

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, we had 785 as a bill, some 6 years ago, similar in nature, different in number which brought our municipal judges of both Omaha and Lincoln at that time the only two cities into the merit system for the many judges. It has meant good judges for our particular city of Omaha and I'm sure the same is for the city of Lincoln and I think that it would be a step in the right direction that we continue in this area, of placing in the merit system to be sure that we have completely covered the entire area of our judges in the state and I wish that we would move this bill over and pass it on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I have no closing. I think that we have debated it long enough and are ready to vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke is waiving the closing on LB785. All in favor of advancing 785 to E & R initial vote aye, those opposed vote no. Senator LUedtkke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: We may have to have a call if we don't... I don't know how many are here.

PRESIDENT: How many are present? Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: There is a committee hearing still going on, perhaps we could get them to come over and vote at least.

PRESIDENT: We are voting on the advancement of 785. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Bill is advanced. What is the next order of business?

CLERK: LB302.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker I suppose that this would be an impossible request but Senator Marvel which has a deep interest in this bill would said that he would be here at 3:00 and would like to if at all possible have this held until about 3:00. I don't know if that is a legitimate request, but...

PRESIDENT: We will try it. If there is any objections? Are there objections to holding 302 until approximately 3:00? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would request that we would definitely consider it at 3:00 and suspend any other business at 3:00 because this is a highly important bill and we have a tendency here of letting slip away from us and I would only consent to the 3:00 if we were definitely going to handle it at 3:00. Terminate any other business that might be transpiring at that time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.